

## THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

## BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On September 7, 2017, due to the potential impact of Hurricane Irma to the state of Georgia as forecasted by the National Hurricane Center, I declared a State of Emergency and declared all citizens east of Interstate 95 along Georgia's coast be mandatorily evacuated; and

WHEREAS: Hurricane Irma impacted citizens throughout the State, producing excessive rainfall and damaging winds, causing extensive flooding, fallen trees and the closure of numerous roads; and

WHEREAS: The storm has exited Georgia and local, state and federal assets are responding to requests for assistance; and

**WHEREAS**: Each political subdivision is in the best position to decide when essential services are able to support re-entry of its general population; and

WHEREAS: The authority is vested in the Governor by virtue of O.C.G.A. § 38-3-51 to issue reasonable orders, rules and regulations deemed necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare, and bring the emergency situation under control within the acknowledged limitations of the powers of the Governor.

NOW THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

**ORDERED**: That the mandatory evacuation ordered on September 7, 2017, be lifted and each political subdivision decide when best to allow re-entry of its general population.

This 12th day of September, 2017 at 12:00 AM/PM.

Mother Deal GOVERNOR